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Reopening Plans for The Link Academy January 2022

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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Re-opening plans for Spring Term – January 2022

(All plans are subject to government/local authority and public health guidance)

I hope you and your families continue to be safe and well. With the end of the Autumn Term now upon us, I am writing to you regarding the arrangements for the new term, starting in January. At The Link Academy, we will continue to comply with Government guidance and will continue with some caution. As a minimum, we will continue to:

1. Expect everyone in the academy (unless exempt) to wear a face covering in indoor spaces, including classrooms. This will be reviewable on a regular basis.
2. To promote good hygiene for everyone - use of handwashing and hand sanitising
3. Maintain our enhanced cleaning regimes
4. Keep rooms well ventilated
5. Follow Public Health and Government advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.

A key part of the Government's plans for a safe return to school after the Christmas Holidays is in school supervised Lateral Flow Testing of all secondary learners, prior to their return to the classroom. This is a similar approach to the one taken when schools returned in September. Learners will be tested ONCE at the academy when they return and we wish to encourage ALL learners to take up this opportunity to ensure that any asymptomatic cases of Covid-19 are detected. Therefore, this will mean a slightly staggered start at the beginning of the new term. On the reverse of this letter, you will find the return plans for each year group. It is vital that learners arrive at their designated form time slot for their Covid-19 test.

This is the most effective way to reduce the risk of transmission and support the continuation of face-to-face education. We recognise, however, the need to minimise any disruption to education and to continue to support your child's mental wellbeing. The government will continue to review the future need for testing in light of any changes to the public health situation.

Yours sincerely

Mrs E. Edwards-Morgan
Principal



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Year	Covid Test Slots	Lessons Start
11	<u>Tuesday 4th Jan 2022</u> FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM 10 30 11BL 10 40 11BS 10 50 11CC 11 00 11CR 11 10 11KT 11 20 11KS 11 30 11ML 11 40 11MH	<u>Tuesday 4th Jan 2022</u> Following Lateral Flow Testing, learners will proceed to the dining hall for breakfast. As soon as Negative LFT's confirmed, learners will go to Option C lessons. P4/P5 will be Option B as normal week 1 timetable.
10	<u>Tuesday 4th Jan 2022</u> UNIFORM NOT REQUIRED 12 00 10BL 12 10 10BS 12 20 10CC 12 30 10CR 12 40 10KT 12 50 10KS 13 00 10ML LEARNERS RETURN HOME AFTER TEST	<u>Wednesday 5th Jan 2022</u> FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM Learners begin lessons as per week 1 timetable
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